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REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claims 5-10 subject to their being rewritten in independent form is noted with appreciation. The foregoing amendment places claim 5 in independent form by including the limitations of all claims upon which it previously depended. Claims 6-10 depend directly or indirectly on this claim and thus are now believed to be patentable.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and that claim had therefore been canceled. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are therefore submitted for reconsideration. As has been noted in the specification it was admittedly known to include stronger inserts for the crankshaft bearing material. However, it was previously unknown to make use of these inserts to reinforce the support of another engine driven component even though it was known that these components might require reinforcement for their support. Thus it is most respectfully submitted that the invention might appear obvious in retrospect, it is not in fact obvious. The proof of this is the failure of others skilled in the art to appreciate this solution to the known problem.

The Examiner is therefore most respectfully requested to reconsider his position.

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